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## **Guatemala Man Charged with Illegal Reentry After Deportation**

Springfield, IL- The United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Rodger A. Heaton, announced that a federal grand jury has charged Horacio Reyes with illegal reentry after deportation. The indictment alleges Reyes was deported from the United States to Guatemala on June 15, 2005, after being convicted of felony rape in South Dakota in December 2002. Reyes was sentenced to five years imprisonment for the rape conviction.

The indictment alleges Reyes was arrested in Quincy, Illinois on June 22, 2006, and charged by criminal complaint. According to the affidavit filed in support of the complaint, Reyes was working at a restaurant in Quincy, Illinois, when officers arrested him.

The charges are the result of an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Adams County Sheriff's Department, and the U.S. Marshals Violent Fugitive Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Gregory M. Gilmore.

If convicted, the offense of illegal reentry after deportation carries a maximum statutory penalty of 20 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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